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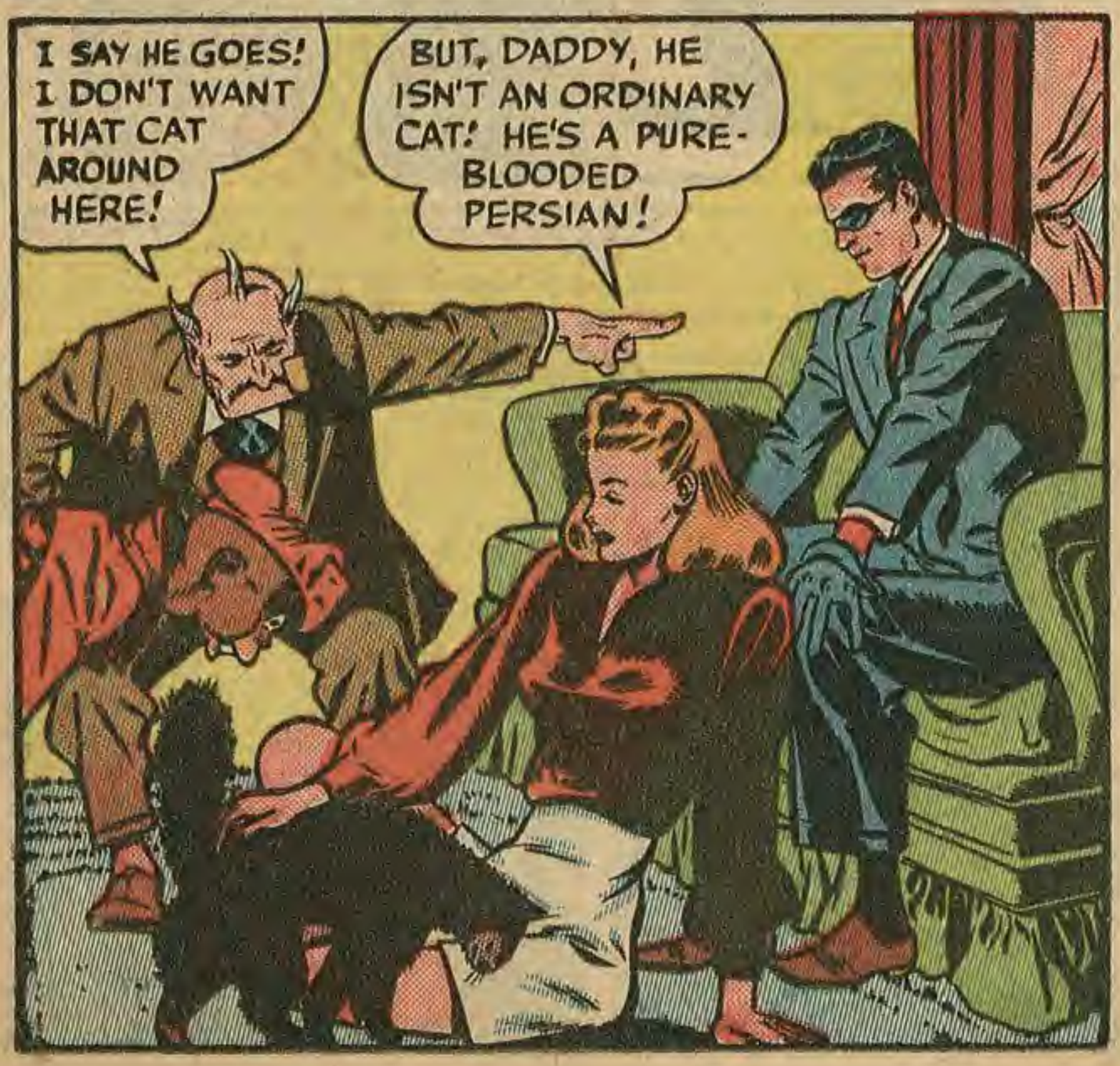

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THAT'S RIGHT... AND BARK! ... HUH? SPIRIT! YOU KEEP OUT OF THIS!

BUT, DADDY, HE'S SO CUTE!

HE *IS NOT!*... GET HIM OUT OF HERE!

HE LIKES YOU, DADDY!

ELLEN, GET THIS ANIMAL AWAY FROM ME, OR I'LL--I'LL DO SOMETHING DRASTIC!

LET'S GO, EBONY! WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO KEEP OUT OF THE FAMILY FRACAS!

YES, *SUH!*

WHAT? DEAD? ... WHERE? ... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

SOMEBODY'S BEEN BUMPED OFF IN A HOTEL ROOM!

MIND IF I COME ALONG? THIS IS MORE IN MY LINE!

THAT CAT'S A-FOLLERIN' YO', COMMISSIONER DOLAN!

GOOD! MAYBE WE CAN LOSE IT SOMEWHERE!

THAT GIRL CAN THINK OF MORE WAYS TO CLUTTER UP THE HOUSE WITH PESTS!

SEEMS TO ME, DOLAN, YOU'RE MORE CONCERNED WITH YOUR OWN ANNOYANCE THAN WITH THE MURDER!

THIS IS THE PLACE!

THE CHAMBERMAID HEARD A SCREAM ...AND FOUND THIS!

DON'T LET ANYBODY TOUCH ANYTHING UNTIL THE FINGERPRINT MAN GETS HERE!

"J. ARAMOR... ISTANBUL, TURKEY"! I WONDER WHAT BUSINESS HE WAS IN?

WHERE'D HE COME FROM?

HE'S BEEN WIF US ALL THE TIME!

HOW'D THAT CAT GET IN HERE? GET IT OUT OF HERE! HE'LL RUB PRINTS OFF BEFORE WE FIND A CLUE!

KITTY'S ALREADY FOUND A CLUE!

WHAT?!!

?

THIS!

BAH! A CAN OF SARDINES! WHAT KIND OF A CLUE IS THAT?

SARDINES

WHO TURNED THOSE LIGHTS OUT?

I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT THE KIND OF CLUE, DOLAN!

DUCK!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

PSSST! M-RR-OW! PSST!

OW-W-W! GET THIS CURSED CAT OFF ME!

HEAR THAT DOLAN? ... SOMEBODY ELSE BESIDES YOU DOESN'T LIKE KITTY! I'LL TAKE HIM ON NOW, PUSS! TURN ON THE LIGHTS, DOLAN!

YOU MISSED HIM, SPIRIT, WHOEVER IT WAS! AND PROBABLY ALL ON ACCOUNT OF THAT *!*!@#* CAT!

SARDINE OIL! THAT GUY HAD HIS HAND IN THE BUREAU DRAWER!

ATTABOY, KITTY!

SPIRIT, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

NO DOUBT... BUT WHAT ABOUT A SARDINE HOUND?

YOU'RE CRAZY IF YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE A BLOOD-HOUND OUT OF A NITWIT CAT!

THERE! HE'S LICKED UP ALL THE OIL! AND NOW HE'S THROUGH!

I THINK THERE'S MORE OIL, DOLAN!— ONLY HE CAN'T GET TO IT!

BUT I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP HIM!

YOU SEEM TO BE THE WORLD'S WORST SHOT!

MAYBE YOU CAN DO BETTER BLINDFOLDED!

CLICK!

HOLD THAT POSE FOR JUST A SECOND!

YOU SEE... OUR LITTLE SLEUTH WASN'T WRONG AT ALL!

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, *SPIRIT?* NO GUY WOULD COMMIT MURDER TO GET A FEW CANS OF SARDINES, WOULD HE?

THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT!

HAVE A GOOD TIME, KITTY! ... SO FAR AS I CAN SEE, DOLAN, A FEW CANS OF SARDINES ARE ALL HE GOT!

IT'S IN ONE OF THE CANS... CANS --- IT'S ---

MIST' *SPIRIT* BOSS, YO' DONE HIT HIM TOO HARD! HE'S RAVIN'!

PUT THE CUFFS ON HIM, DOLAN! WE'RE GOING BACK UPSTAIRS FOR ANOTHER LOOK AROUND!

AH'LL LOOK AFTAH THIS NICE LI'L CAT!

McGUIRE HERE IS SPOILING TO SLUG THE KIND OF PUNK WHO GOES AROUND SHOOTING UP PEOPLE? -- BUT IF YOU'LL TALK, HE'LL LAY OFF!

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY!

PACKAGE FOR MR. ARAMOR! ... G-GOSH!

I'LL TAKE IT!

MORE SARDINES! BAH!

HMMM!

CAT, YO' AM SHO' TO BUST EF THIS KEEPS UP ANY LONGER!

A DIAMOND! WHEW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF IT!

THAT'S IT! I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT WAS IN A SARDINE CAN!

WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S PERMISSION!

THANKS VERY MUCH! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!

AH'S WARNIN' YO, YO'D BETTER QUIT!

I GOT THE DOPE FROM THE AIRLINES, DOLAN! THIS ARAMOR GUY ARRIVED ON ONE PLANE BUT SHIPPED THE SECOND BATCH OF SARDINES ON THE NEXT PLANE!

HE WAS A SMUGGLER WHO FIRST WANTED TO CONVINCE ANY HIJACKERS THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE DIAMOND... AND THEN RECEIVE IT AFTER THEY HAD GIVEN UP TRYING TO STEAL IT! GUESS HE DIDN'T COUNT ON "ROUGH STUFF" HERE KNIFING HIM!

...WHAT ABOUT IT?

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT @%*!*!! CAT---

Later...

OKAY! OKAY! SOME CATS ARE SMART!... I GIVE UP!

LOOK AT THIS HYAH HEADLINE! "CAT CATCHES KILLER!" WOW!

GUESS THEY ALL BEEN READIN' ABOUT KITTY'S EXPLOITS!

NOW LOOK HERE, ELLEN... *#@*!*!

MEEEOWRRR!

LADY LUCK

-Z-Z-Z
-ZZ-

LET'S GO, PEECOLO!

HAVE MORCY, PLEASE! I'MA THOUGHT YOU WAS COME HERE FOR THE LEETLE WACATION...
HARDLY! HAVE YOU READ THAT PAPER IN YOUR LAP BY ANY CHANCE?

POOF! THEES PAPER SHE'SA ALREADY ONE WEEK OLD!
READ THE HEADLINE ANYWAY!
THE DAILY BLATH
SIX ESCAPE IN PRISON BREAK
CRIMINALS AT LARGE

POR CIELO! YOU THEENK PORHAPS THEY HERE?
I KNOW ONE OF THEM OWNS THIS HUNTING LODGE.. I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT USE IT AS A HIDEOUT...

BOT THE PLACE EES DESORTED!
YOU HOPE! WHILE YOU WERE LETTING THE GRASS GROW UNDER YOU, I NOTICED SOMETHING! LOOK!

WELL.. EES NOT SO STEEFF CLIMB TO THERE... PORHAPS A STROLL WOULD BE PORTY NICE!

OH, NO! WE'D BE SPOTTED IN THE CLEAR LIKE THAT..

... WE'LL GO AROUND THE BACK!

HOW'S YOUR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING LATELY?

UHHH...!

MADRE MIA! WHY DO THEY PILE THEES STONE SO HIGH?

SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW YOU CAN EASE ME DOWN WITH THE ROPE, *PEECOLO!* SOON WE'LL KNOW WHO'S INHABITING THAT CAVE...

THIS HERE MOUNTAIN AIR GIVES A GENT A APPETITE!

HOPE WE GOT GRUB ENOUGH TO HOLD OUT TILL THE HEAT'S OFF!

SURE, WE--*HEY! WHAT'S THAT?*

THINK IT'S AN ANIMAL?

I'LL GO SEE!

YOW! IT'S-IT'S LADY LUCK!

RELAX! NOW TURN YOUR BACKS TO ME, ALL OF YOU!!

THAT'S NICE! NOW TOSS YOUR BETSYS DOWN THAT CREVICE!

HA! I USED TO WORRY ABOUT THIS ROCK SLIPPIN'! NOW I HOPE IT *DOES*!!

PERFECT!

OH-OH! NOT SO GOOD!

POR CIELO! HAR YOU LIKE THOT?

HAZ THEES? GRAB ON, *LADY LUCK*.. I'MA POOLL!!

SORRY I DON'T ENJOY YOUR COMPANY, CHUMS!

HEY, DID *LOUIE* DO THIS TO US?

WE'LL FIX *HIM* WHEN WE GET OUT! ALL TOGETHER-- *PUSH*!!

UHHFF!! *STOP*! MY COLLARBONE-- *AAAAGHH*!!

FINE! THAT SHOULD HOLD THE BIG ROCK IN PLACE!

HAR YOU GONNA FIND THEES OTHER GUY? EES GATTING DARK!

THAT'S WHAT HE'S WAITING FOR.. AND THAT'S WHAT *WE'LL* WAIT FOR! WHEN IT GETS DARK, HE'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR IT OUT OF UNDERBRUSH....

HEY! QUIT WOBBLIN', WILL YA?

THIS SMOKE--- KFF! KFF, KAAA-

'ROOSH!'

NOW AIN'T DIS TOO SWEET? DE ON'Y ONE LEFT IN ONE PIECE IS *ME!* WOT CAN DO??

BOT HAR YOU GONNA SPOT HEEM EEN THE PEETCH DARK?

I NOTICED HE WORE *MOUNTAIN BOOTS*... THE *METAL CLEATS* WILL STRIKE *SPARKS* AGAINST THE ROCKS!

THERE HE IS!

BOO!

HOW 'BOUT A NICE WALK IN THE MOON-LIGHT DOWN TO THE VILLAGE?

WHA-?

I WAS JEST CLOSIN' UP!

STICK AROUND AND SEE THE EXCITEMENT! I'M GOING TO CALL THE POLICE TO OPEN UP A RAT-TRAP!

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HEY! WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU LUNATIC?

GREETINGS, GENTS! DON'T BE HARD ON JENNY! IT'S NOT HER FAULT! I MUST HAVE PUT TOO MUCH ALCOHOL IN HER RADIATOR AND POOR OL' JENNY'S A HOME GAL REALLY AND NOT USED TO ALCOHOL!

THIS YER FIRST TRIP TO TOWN, BUDDY?

UH, HUH! I JEST COME TO THE CITY TO LOOK AROUND AN' TO INVEST SOME MONEY!

MONEY?

Y'WANT TO INVEST M-M-MONEY? ≥GARGLE≤ ≥GULP≤

D-DID YOU BRING ANY OF IT WITH YOU?

SLUP! SLUP!

SLUP! SLUP!

YES, BUT ONLY A SATCHELFUL!... I LEFT THE REST AT HOME!

IN FACT, AT HOME I GOT A **BATH-TUB** FULL OF MONEY!

AN' IN FACT, THAT'S WHY I NEVER BATHE! I HATE TO GET THE MONEY WET!

WELL, FRIEND, YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER! WHEN WE GET THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY MORE WORRIES ABOUT MONEY!

YEAH! Y'SAID IT! YOU JEST WON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY TO WORRY ABOUT... ...**OW!**

DON'T LISTEN TO MY FRIEND! HE'S FULL OF --ER-- FUN, --- MR. --ER-- I DIDN'T GET TH' NAME--

HAYSEED... ELMER Q. HAYSEED...

WELL, ELMER— YOU'RE A LUCKY GENT! I'VE GOT A TERRIFIC DEAL FOR YOU! LISSEN!

LOOK AT THIS BUSY STREET! WHY, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WALK THROUGH HERE EVERY SINGLE DAY! CAN YOU SEE THE FORTUNE AWAITING THE GENIUS WHO WILL CHARGE THEM 10¢ ADMISSION?

SAY-Y-Y! ... THET SOUNDS PURTY FINE! WHERE CAN I LOCATE THE LAND-AGENT?

I AM THE LAND-AGENT AND I WOULDN'T SELL TO ANYONE ELSE BUT YOU, MY FRAN'! I ALWAYS WAIT FOR A KIND FACE — YOUR KIND OF FACE---

SOLD! I KNOWS A GOOD THING WHEN I SEES IT!

BROTHER, YOU GOT A GOLD MINE! ---(IF YOU COLLECT)--- AN' I AIN'T KIDDING... AND... OH, YES... A WORD OF ADVICE... DON'T TRY TO COLLECT FROM COPS! -- ER-- JUST LET 'EM THROUGH!

HERE COME SOME CUSTOMERS NOW!

...HOWEVER, ON THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN POLICY.... EH?

HALT!

I BEG YOUR PARDON, MY GOOD MAN! ?

I SEZ HALT! YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY 10¢ APIECE TO GO THROUGH MY STREET!

EH?... YOUR STREET?

I'M THE NEW OWNER! I BOUGHT OUT THE OTHER FIRM!

YOU WHAT? ...BUT THAT'S ABSURD! THIS HAPPENS TO BE A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE!

OH-OH! I GOT A FEELIN' WE OUGHT TO LEAVE!

MY DEAR CHAP, IF YOU HAVE ACTUALLY PAID GOOD MONEY FOR THIS STREET, I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE BEEN SWINDLED!

YOU MEAN THOSE CHAPS NEVER OWNED THE STREET?

HEY! JEST A MINNIT---

NO, THEY NEVER OWNED THIS STREET!

YOU NOSEY KID!

WHADDUYUH MEAN, WE NEVER OWNED THIS STREET! WE'RE TAX-PAYERS, AIN'T WE? AND THE TAX-PAYERS PAID FOR THE STREETS, DIDN'T THEY? SO THEY OWN WHAT THEY PAID FOR, DON'T THEY?...

THE STREETS COST US TAX-PAYERS MILLIONS! LOOK AT THE BARGAIN THIS RUBE GOT FOR A LOUSY COUPLA THOUSAND!

I SOLD HIM THE RIGHT TO COLLECT A TOLL! IF HE AIN'T BIG AND TOUGH ENOUGH TO COLLECT, THAT'S HIS HARD LUCK!

WE'VE DECIDED TO BUY YOUR CAR, HAYSEED! HERE - THAT'S A FAIR PRICE!... S'LONG!

WILBUR, THAT DOESN'T SOUND QUITE RIGHT TO YOU, NOW, DOES IT?

AH... I *KNEW* YOU'D AGREE! NOW, WHAT WOULD *YOU* DO ABOUT IT?

HEH-HEH!

AND NOW - GOODBYE, SUCKERS! AHEM! HOME, JAMES!

YES, SIR! JEST STEP INTO TH' ROYAL LIMUZZINE, AND--

LISSEN TO THE BOIDS!

THEM AIN'T "BOIDS," Y'DOPE! THEM'S BIRDS!

GEE... AN' THEY SING JUST LIKE "BOIDS"!

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